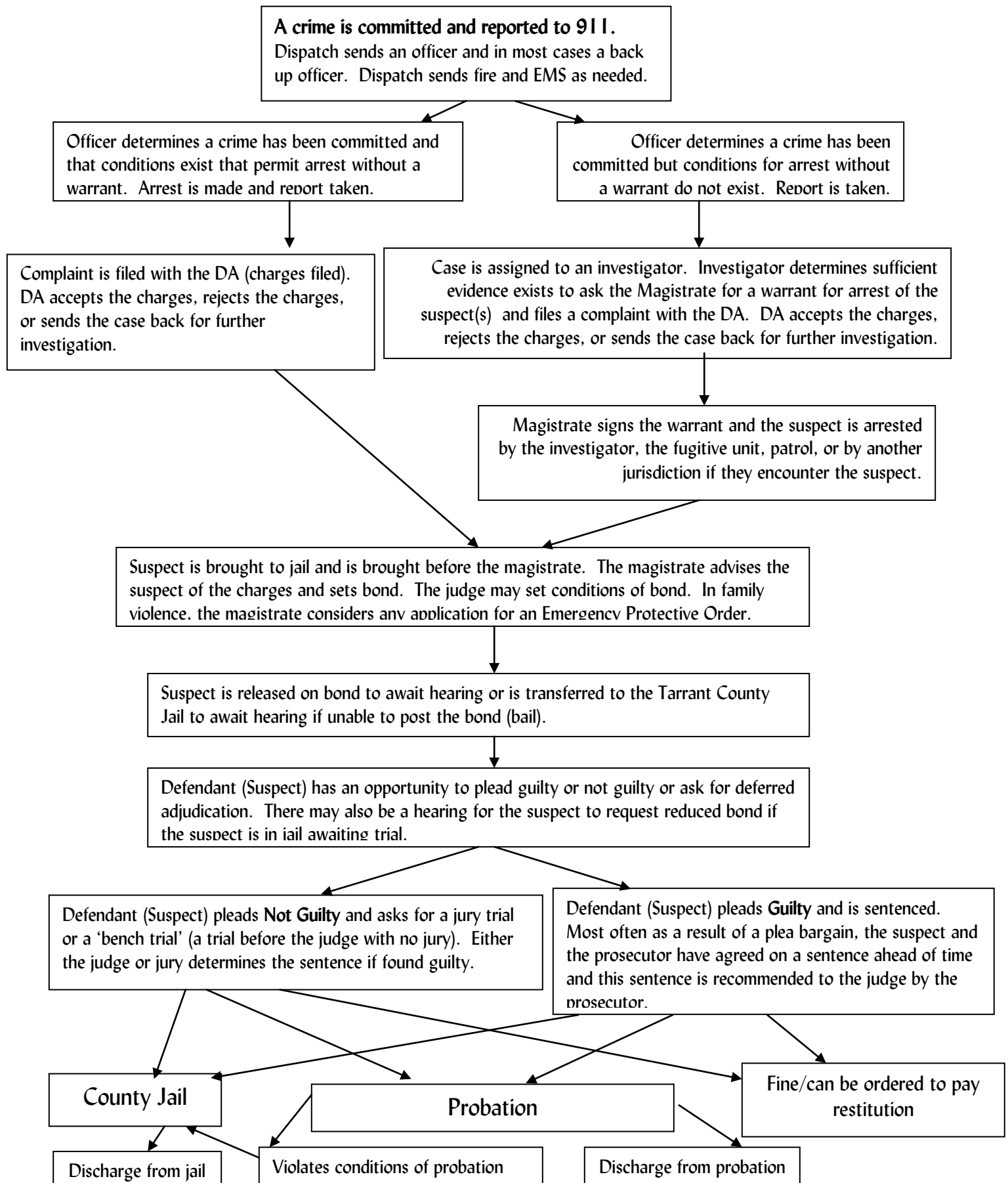


## Class B and Class A Misdemeanor Offenses



## Felony Offenses

**A crime is committed and reported to 911.**  
Dispatch sends an officer and in most cases a back up officer. Dispatch sends fire and EMS as needed.

**Officer determines a crime has been committed and that conditions exist that permit arrest without a warrant. Arrest is made and report taken.**

**Officer determines a crime has been committed but conditions for arrest without a warrant do not exist. Report is taken.**

Complaint is filed with the DA (charges filed). DA accepts the charges, rejects the charges, or sends the case back for further investigation.

**Case is assigned to an investigator.** Investigator determines sufficient evidence exists to ask the Magistrate for a warrant for arrest of the suspect(s) and files a complaint with the DA. **DA accepts the charges, rejects the charges, or sends the case back for further investigation.**

Magistrate signs the warrant and the suspect is arrested by the investigator, the fugitive unit, patrol, or by another jurisdiction if they encounter the suspect.

Suspect is brought to jail and is brought before the magistrate. The magistrate advises the suspect of the charges and sets bond. The judge may set conditions of bond. In family violence, the magistrate considers any application for an Emergency Protective

Suspect is released on bond to await hearing or is transferred to the Tarrant County Jail to await hearing if unable to post the

**Grand Jury** determines if there is enough evidence to proceed to trial. If they determine there is not, the case is **No Billed** and the defendant is released and the case is dismissed. If they determine there is, the case is **True Billed** and set for trial.

Defendant (Suspect) has an opportunity to **plead Guilty or Not Guilty** or ask for deferred adjudication. There may also be a hearing for the suspect to request reduced bond if the suspect is in jail awaiting trial.

Defendant (Suspect) pleads **Not Guilty** and asks for a jury trial or a 'bench trial' (a trial before the judge with no jury). Either the judge or jury determines the sentence if found guilty.

Defendant (Suspect) pleads **Guilty** and is sentenced. Most often as a result of a plea bargain, the suspect and the prosecutor have agreed on a sentence ahead of time and this sentence is recommended to the judge by the prosecutor.

**State Jail or State Prison**

**Felony Probation**

**Fine/Restitution**

**Release**

**Parole**

**Violation of Parole**

**Violation of Felony Probation**

**Discharge from probation**

